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SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for December 6

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THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

LESSON TEXT—Colossians 3:1-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.—I Corinthians 12:27.

Church membership means a great deal; a fact which has been obscured by the prevalent idea that joining the church is just like joining any other organization. We need to be reminded again and again that the local or denominational organization has real meaning only as it represents in the world a fellowship of true believers who, by the new birth, have become part of the living and true church, which is the body of which Christ is the Head.

It is likewise essential that believers know what their membership in the church means, so that they may fully appreciate it and properly present it to the world.

I. A New Life (vv. 1-3).

The church member is (or **should** be) a Christian, that is, one who has passed from death to life through the regenerating work of God in Christ (John 3:6, 7). Thus he has become "a new creature; old things have passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). Spiritual being has entirely changed interests and desires. The things of the world which he used to love have now become distasteful to him. The things of the Spirit which used to seem strange and not understandable to him (I Cor. 2:14) now become the center of his life. Being risen with Christ in newness of life he seeks those things which are above.

II. A Changed Life (vv. 4-13).

Setting one's heart upon things above means that the life will be changed. There will be a putting off of the things of earth and a putting on of the new man, in practice as well as in creed.

Although the Christian is a new creature in Christ, he bears with him until he dies (or Jesus comes) the old nature, which tries to hold him down, to draw him back to the worldly and fleshly things from which he was saved.

But the Christian is to "make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:14). He is rather to "reckon" himself "to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive into God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

This calls for an act of his will (and a repeated or continuous act) by which he puts away the sinful things mentioned in verses 5-9. One might sum them up in two groups: (1) sexual indecency and immorality (v. 5), and (2) wicked words and attitudes (vv. 8, 9). The early church had no corner on such sins. They mar Christian fellowship now. They ought not do so, for the church member should show the new life of the soul by a changed life before his fellowman.

III. A Gracious Life (vv. 14-17).

Too often, following Christ—and church membership—has not seemed attractive to the unbeliever, nor has it recommended the grace of God, because it has been a sad, unpleasant, negative thing which God never intended it to be.

To the average non-Christian (rightly or wrongly), the matter of being a Christian seems to be a rather drab affair of denying one's self the interesting and pleasant things of life. Those who feel that way have never seen the real thing, for if they had, they would sense (even though they could not understand it) that here was the fulfillment of all that is best in life.

The purpose and plan of God for man is that he should be in fellowship with Him, and thus to be set free from the limitations and the disappointments of human life apart from God. The normal life of the Christian is one of love, peace, joy, fellowship, praise and thankfulness. Let us make it just that in this world of hatred, war, sorrow, division, weeping and ingratitude.

This portion of Scripture merits a closer examination. Note first that love (use "love" for charity in v. 14) is the bond which unites these Christian graces into a whole which is harmonious and well-balanced.

Naturally, the peace of Christ will be the ruling factor in such a life, controlling the heart, the seat of man's emotions and affections.

Such a life is cultivated and developed by the indwelling of God's Word and (note it) "richly." The weakness of many a church is found right here—there is so little teaching and receiving of the Word into the heart.

Christian faith expresses itself in song. "Thou hast put gladness in my heart" (Ps. 4:7), and that means a song. How true it is that hymns and songs teach and admonish us.

The life of the Christian church member is always conditioned by one perfect controlling influence—the will of God. He does all things, even the supposedly little or secular things, in the name of the Lord Jesus, with a constant thankfulness which goes up like a sweet incense to the Father through Christ.

AMERICA IN ACTION

DRILL INSTRUCTORS

United States marines are rated among the best-trained soldiers in the world. One major reason for this rating is found in the basic training every marine recruit receives in "boot camp" at either Parris Island, S. C., or San Diego, Calif.

Key figures in putting thousands of recruits through this rigorous six-weeks' period of training are groups of versatile non-commissioned officers known as Drill Instructors.

The DI's, as they are called, work in pairs. As recruits arrive from every corner of the nation, they are formed into platoons of from 66 to 74 men and each platoon is placed under the charge of a duo of DI's.

It then becomes the duty of the Drill Instructors to transform some 70 men from every walk of life—farmers, mechanics, accountants, reporters, truck drivers, schoolboys —into a trained, disciplined group of men who walk, talk, think and act in the best marine manner. The average age of their charges is 20. And they have just six weeks for the task.

The DI's must guide their men through intensive practice in drilling, manual of arms, combat principles, dressing, shooting the rifle and pistol, throwing the hand grenade and handling the bayonet.

The DI's must be good teachers in order to give instructions in first aid, field sanitation, military courtesy, guard duty, scouting and patrolling, security on the march and other subjects with which every marine is expected to be familiar.

They must set an example in military courtesy, neatness, military bearing and countless regulation proceedings.

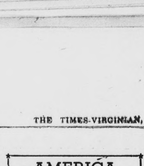
Probably most important of all, however, the Drill Instructors teach discipline. They teach men to obey orders without question — to do what they are told, when they are told, whatever the orders may be.

At the end of the "boot" period, the platoon of well-trained marines leaves for advanced work at special schools—but they remain behind. They get the evening off—and start in the following day with 66 to 74 new recruits.

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Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

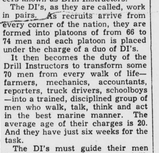


Have you a "too-long" nose? Don't worry! Get busy with a little make-up—and a little practice to make perfect. Pluck the eyebrows in the center. Carefully, do not jerk but pull them gently, in the direction that the hair grows. The space between the eyebrows gives the illusion of forehead width. Use very little rouge, blended carefully. Use face powder of exact skin tone.

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What to Do

By PHYLLIS BELMONT



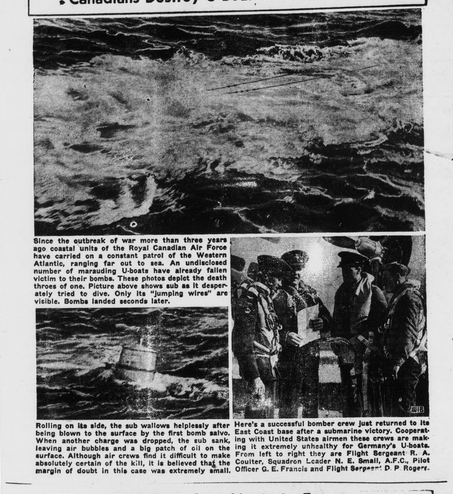
All of us should buy as many war bonds and stamps as we can afford.

A clever gift whether it be for a birthday, shower, anniversary or week-end present to your hostess, is a few war stamps pasted in the attractive books the government provides. Anyone would be glad to get such a gift—and what a very nice wedding present a war bond would make!

Many girls have asked their escorts to forego corsages and send them "victory bouquets" instead. These are defense stamps wrapped in cellophane and fashioned into flowers to wear in the hair or on a dress. They are attractive and certainly are valuable long after flowers have wilted. What a nice remembrance to have of a dance-date with your favorite service man!

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Canadians Destroy U-Boat Off Atlantic Coast

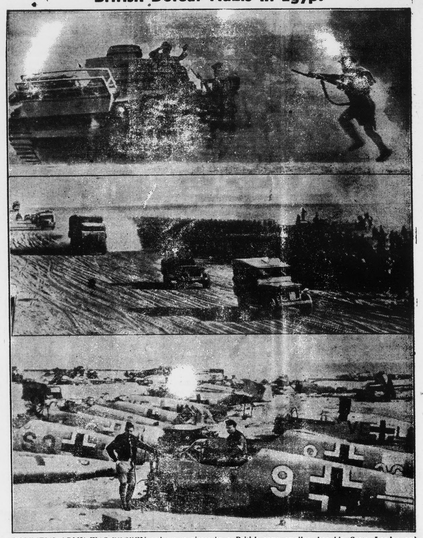


Since the outbreak of war more than three years ago coastal units of the Royal Canadian Air Force have carried on a constant patrol of the Western Atlantic, ranging far out to sea. An undisclosed number of marauding U-boats have already fallen victim to their bombs. These photos depict the death throes of one. Picture above shows sub as it desperately tried to dive. Only its "jumping wires" are visible. Bombs landed seconds later.

Rolling on its side, the sub wallows helplessly after being blown to the surface by the first bomb salvo. When another charge was dropped, the sub sank, leaving air bubbles and a big patch of oil on the surface. Although air crews find it difficult to make absolutely certain of the kill, it is believed that the margin of doubt in this case was extremely small.

Here's a successful bomber crew just returned to its East Coast base after a submarine victory. Cooperating with United States airmen these crews are making it extremely unhealthy for Germany's U-boats. From left to right they are Flight Sergeant R. A. Coulter, Squadron Leader N. E. Small, A.F.C., Pilot Officer G. E. Francis and Flight Sergeant D. P. Rogers.

British Defeat Nazis in Egypt



ROMMEL'S ARMY WAS BROKEN and cut to pieces by a British army smaller than his. Scots, London and North of England troops were foremost in all the hardest fighting. Men from the British Isles manned all the Allied tanks.

These three pictures were received in the U. S by radio direct from Cairo. Top picture shows a German tank surrendering to British infantry charging with bayonets. Center, thousands of Axis prisoners moving eastward while a British truck convoy rushes forward in relentless pursuit of the fleeing Nazi Afrika Korps. Below, wreckage of 100 Luftwaffe planes found on captured Daba airfield by R.A.F. men hurrying forward to take it over for immediate use by advancing Allied squadrons.

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Pamplin

Pamplin, Dec 1.- Miss Mary Alice Paulette, of Evergreen spent last Tuesday night in the home of her aunt, Mrs. L. M. Southall.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Miss Ernestine Southall were week-end guests of Mrs. J. A. Neal, of Farmville.

John Jeter Ligon, of V. P. I. spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ligon.

Miss Carrie Pankey, of Appomattox, and Lawson Pankey, of Richmond were week-end guests of their father, E. L. Pankey.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson were Mrs. H. E Martin and son, of Portsmouth and Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson, of Newport News.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry were Mr. and Mrs. Chatham Terry and George Abbitt Terry.

Corp. Roy P. Lucado, of Caroline Beach, N. C., and Miss Arleen Lucado, of Farmville spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lucado.

Week-end guests of Mr and Mrs. W. P. Lucado were Mr. and Mrs. J. W Giles, Miss Dorothy Giles and Mr and Mrs. David Glass, of Nathalie and Miss Phoebe Chaney, of Lynchburg.

Recent guests of Mrs. C. C. Rosser were Mr and Mrs Frank Rosser and family, of Brookneal, Mr and Mrs. N. S. Topping, of Hixburg and Misses Elizabeth and Aleese Rosser of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace of Lynchburg was the Thanksgiving guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Ransone.

Miss Della Hughes, of Baltimore, Md., recently visited her mother, Mrs. R. C. Hughes.

Pamplin, Dec. 1.- The Woman's Christian Temperence Union met at the home of Mrs. O. E. Petersen for the November meeting. Mrs. W. M. Black was program leader. Mrs. Petersen, who had been president since its organization, resigned, as she wanted to be away this winter. Mrs. H. T. Terry was elected president.

Mrs E. E. McClenny, chairman of mission study of the Woman's Missionary Society, announced a mission study class to be held Thursday, December 10, at which time the book, "Where Two Agree" will be studied. At the close of the program an offering for foreign missions will be taken, known as the Lottie Moon offering.

The December meeting of the W. M. U. will be held Wednesday at the parsonage. This will be the last meeting of the year and officers for the new year will be elected.

Ensign Nathaniel C. Terry, U.S. N. R., who has been in training at Boston, is being transferred to Little Creek, near Norfolk.

Miss Ellen Wilson, who teaches at Glasgow, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

Dr and Mrs. John N. Couch and children, Phillip and Sallie, of Chapel Hill, N. C., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. T Terry. Other visitors in this home Thanksgiving were Pvt. and Mrs. J. B. Terry, of Camp Lee, and George Abbitt Terry, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. N. A. Davis, of Richmond is visiting in her home here.

Miss Jane Estes Martin, of Richmond was the guest of her mother during the week-end.

Mrs. Lacy Dickerson has returned home from a visit to Portsmouth.

Wayside Items

Wayside, Dec. 1.- The W. M. U. of New Hope Church met in the home of Mrs F. A.O'Brien Friday for the day, and observed the week of prayer for foreign missions. In the afternoon they had a quilting.

Mrs. Banks Frazier has returned from the hospital to the home of her mother, Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Miss Georgie McFadden was rushed to the hospital Thursday.

Misses Jacqueline Alvis and Alice Covington, of Richmond spent the holidays here with their parents, Mary Alice Webb was the guest of Alise Covington. They all attended the football game Thursday in Roanoke.

The many friends of Mrs. George F. Abbitt, Sr., were glad to see her at church Sunday, after an extended illness.

Miss Annie Torrence, of Farmville spent the holidays in the home of Gus Turnes, and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Turnes and family to Roanoke for the week-end.

Miss Kate O'Brien, of Farmville spent the holidays here.

Mrs. Sarah Wayne has returned from Hartford, Conn., where she spent the holidays.

Recent guests of Mrs. C. C. Rosser were Mr and Mrs Frank Rosser and family, of Brookneal, Mr and Mrs. N. S. Topping, of Hixburg and Misses Elizabeth and Aleese Rosser of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Eral Morris is visiting in the home of Mrs. R. W. Morris.

Mesdames R W. Morris, Eral Morris, E D. Patterson, Beatie Turnes and Margaret O'Brien called in the home of Mrs. F. A. O'Brien Monday night.

News has been received of the illness of Mrs. Sam Turnes, of near Cullen.

Chap News

Chap, Dec. 1. It is understood that Rev. Lawson has accepted a call as pastor of the Central, Evergreen, Hollywood and Rocks churches and will preach at the Central church the first Sunday in January.

Floyd Smith, who has bought the late J. T. Ferguson place, expects to move there this week. We welcome them to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Powell, of Roanoke were recent visitors here.

Mrs. W. H Ferguson has returned home, much improved.

Walter Ferguson and family visited relatives here on Sunday recently.

Recent visitors of Everette Ferguson were W. H. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleshman, Mr and Mrs. Leonard Cawthorn and Mrs. John Rosser.

Recent visitors of Mrs. S. B. Fore were Mrs. M E Pugh, Mrs. Alta Boaze and daughter, Merna, Mrs. Tilden Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fleshman and Mr. and Mrs. W M. Mann.

Henry Reed and family have moved to the Archer Wooldridge place.

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Divide the players into two or more groups and have them each select a leader. Each group then thinks up a good word to dramatize—one scene to represent each syllable and then one at the end of the act to represent the whole word. From these dramatizations the rest of the players are to guess the word. They are informed of the number of syllables and also the type of word, such as verb, proper noun, adjective, etc.

Action may be in pantomime or with conversation. The audience will guess the syllables as they go along.

Take for example the word, **penmanship**. The group will divide the word into syllables thus: **pen-man-ship**. To dramatize **pen** have the group sit on the floor and pretend to write on imaginary paper with an imaginary pen. Occasionally have someone dip his "pen" into an imaginary ink pot.

Next comes the syllable **man**. Have a group of girls sitting in one corner, apparently gossiping. A man enters suddenly and they all look up in surprise, perhaps pointing at him. If this is not a pantomime, they may exclaim in surprise, "A man!"

Third and last syllable is **ship**. The group may sit on the floor and pretend to row a boat, while one of the members stands at the "bow" gazing off into the distance. This will cause some hilarious confusion since someone is sure to guess that it is Washington crossing the Delaware, or Columbus discovering America.

For the final scene which is to depict the whole word **penmanship** have the entire group sit on the floor and pretend to practice penmanship drills or to write slowly and carefully as if in penmanship class.

The illustrations given are fairly easy skits and can be quickly guessed. As you become more and more accustomed to the game, harder words can be chosen and more complicated dramatizations worked out.

After the common words are worn out, limit the choice to trees, or flowers, or songs, etc. Or combine the charades with a bit of geography and dramatize the names of countries, cities, or oceans. Advertising slogans, Bible stories, and scenes from famous stories and books make good subjects for charades.

Here are a few possible words: **air-o-plane, ought-toe-mow-bill, buck-an-ear, ear-pet, ten-nity-two-shun-all, deck-car-ate, do-nut, hand-cur-chief, ey-scream, im-dig-o, in-fan-cen, my-crow-scope, sigh-co-analysis, sauce-age,** and **Wash-ink-ton.** For flowers try **Jack-in-the-pulpit, cowslip, pan-see, sun-flow-her, two-lip,** or **day-see. Date, palm, fir, pear** and **pine** have wonderful possibilities for tree charades.

Charades are always more fun if they are done in costume. Collect old dresses, suits, shoes and odd scraps of material in a special "charade" cupboard or drawer and then you'll be prepared when someone gets the sudden urge to play-act.

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Vera News

Vera, Dec. 2.- Miss Maude Chernault spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. Maude Abbitt.

Miss Irene Garrette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garrette.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldie Blackwell spent Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mrs Mott Robertson spent Monday evening with Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Burk Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. George Totty, Mr. and Mrs. J J. Chernault, Mrs. Maude Abbitt were dinner guests in the home of Mr and Mrs. Robert Coleman, celebrating the 90th birthday of Mr. Tyler Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coleman visited in the same home.

Miss Doris Lee Reynolds is now working in Appomattox.

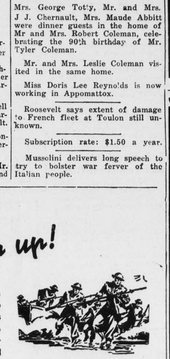
Roosevelt says extent of damage to French fleet at Toulon still unknown.

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Oakville Personals

Oakville, Dec. 1.- Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B Martin for the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr and Mrs. Burnette Smith and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and children, Mrs. Marshall Hunter, Mrs Mollie Thorpe and Misses Helen and Ruby Martin.

T. E. Owen is at the Virginia Baptist Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Reynolds and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman and Pvt. Ralph Coleman, of Camp Lee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Coleman.

Nathan and Emma Catherine Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garret! Sunday evening.

Those who called on Mrs. T. E. Owen Sunday were Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and daughter, W. A. Owen Pvt. Ralph Coleman and Otho Martin, Jr.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin during the holidays were Mr and Mrs. Maurice Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr., Mrs. Mollie Thorpe of Lynchburg.

Miss Vivian Clarke spent a part of the holidays last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith.

Mrs Wiley Moore gave a surprise birthday party Saturday evening at her home in honor of her son, Atlan, and neice, Dot Moore. Games and contests were enjoyed by the many friends present and many nice gifts were received by the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Page, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lucado and daughter and Homer Lucado visited Mrs. James Spiggle Sunday.

Percy Page, of Lynchburg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Page Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Mollie Thorpe, Mrs. Burnett Smith and daughter, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard.

Mrs. Burnett Smith and daughter and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and children visited Mrs. Lewis Moore and family Saturday.

Miss Ilene Moore, of Norfolk, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson and Mrs Huldah Wilkerson, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson Thursday.

Mr and Mrs. S. B. Marshall and sons, Douglas and Ben, of Charleston, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. W. D Marshall, of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewis and family spent Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mr and Mrs. H. H. Caldwell.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs C. D. Lewis Friday during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Caldwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jones Caldwell and daughter, Joyce, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Marshall and sons, Douglas and Ben, of Charleston, W. Va. and Mr. and Mrs. W. D Marshall, of Roanoke.

Guests for Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Coleman and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rogers, Mrs. Irene Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore and boys.

Locust Grove

Locust Grove, Dec. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson, of Lovingston, Mrs. Ernest Robertson and children, of Lynchburg and Mrs. Percy Thompson and son, of Appomattox spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Megginson and son, Ray, Mrs. Neal Howard, and Miss Iona Howell, of Norfolk, spent several days of last week with Mrs. Lula Beale.

Corp and Mrs. Hunter Dickerson spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. Johnny Carnefix.

Mrs. James Beale, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr and Mrs. Willie Beale.

Mrs. Ida Beale spent last week end with Mrs. Lula Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Carnefix spent Sunday with Jessie Dickerson at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson last Thursday night.

Mrs. Alice Grow, of Portsmouth is spending a few weeks with her sister, Miss Edna Megginson.

Bethany

Bethany, Dec. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Allen, of Alexandria spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and Mrs. Katie Allen.

Thalia Harvey and Helen Paulette, of Lynchburg were home for the week-end.

W. P. Crowgey, of Norfolk, and Mrs. David Paulette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Those home for the holiday were Carolyn Paulette, Martha Harvey, Isabelle and Odelle Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Blass Ranson and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ranson spent Thanksgiving day with Mr and Mrs. S. C. Ranson.

Ray Paulette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Paulette have three sons in the service of their country. They are Billy, Edwin and Lynwood. Ray, another, is to leave the 7th of December for the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Randolph Evans and daughter, Nancy Lee are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

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